

Tariff the Mother of Trusts.

Ex-Governor W. L. Douglas of Massachusetts, who has been in Oregon this week, recently said:

Trusts are a natural and logical result of a high protective tariff. The higher the tariff duties the greater the number of trusts. With the possible exception of Russia, the United States has the highest tariff known. We also have the most trusts. Free trade England has some "syndicates," but few, if any, trusts like ours. None that sell goods at home for 20, 30 or 50 per cent more than they sell them for export, as do the trusts of this and other protected countries.

But it is not so much of trusts that I wish to speak, as of their evils and effect. I see no great objection to great corporations, or even to combinations and syndicates, if they behave themselves. They will always behave, if they have no special privileges—no monopoly power which will enable them to control prices. But when, with a high tariff wall, you prohibit foreign competition, you invite the competitors in any industry inside that wall to get together to sustain prices and bleed the pennied-up consumers. We should not be surprised that we have so many trusts and that they have put the prices up so high. It is not surprising that we have graft and corruption in public life. It would be strange if our present tariff system did not result in trusts and graft. It is equivalent to a license to form combinations and trusts to graft off the public.

No other question before the public today means as much, or half as much, to the ordinary man, as does the tariff question. All other grafts combined do not equal the annual graft of the tariff—the continuous robbery of the people under the cover of a "protective" tariff law. When the consumers and voters of this tariff-ridden land understand that the tariff laws permit the taking unnecessarily of an average of not less than \$50 a year per family from their pockets and turning the proceeds over to trusts, they will make short work of such laws. Every article of food, clothing and shelter is tariff-taxed. If an article is not taxed directly, it is indirectly. It is shipped over tariff-taxed railroads or stored in tariff-taxed buildings. In some way the tariff affects the prices of all articles sold. The prices of a few products, like wheat, corn, cotton, fruits, etc., may sell lower on the farm, because the tariff increases the cost of getting them to market: the prices of nearly all commodities, however, are higher to consumers because of the tariff. Even rents of buildings are about 10 per cent, higher because of the tariff on building materials.

Speculating on Population.

According to Labor Commissioner Huff, the population of Oregon in five years has increased only 20,000 to 30,000. He bases this on the school census which is not reliable. At the same time the increase has not been at all what might have been expected of the country call for. There is no question at all that one of the great needs of this country is more railroads, covering the state, bringing the different sections in closer touch. Considerable of the change in the growth of Northwest towns is now due to the changing in of centers by the people themselves of this country, one city building up off its neighbors. Portland has been drawing from all directions. Altogether, though there is a steady progress and growth. The school census shows less in this county than five years before. But as a matter of fact there are undoubtedly a good many more. The population of every town in the county has increased and no farms have been abandoned, while some have been cut up and the number has increased. Figures are difficult things sometimes to fathom.

Already Has Its Hands Full.

Albany will have its hands full financially for a good many years, and it is hardly in a position to experiment along lines which might put it deeper in the hole, and, at least are very uncertain. Running water and electric light plants is expensive business and it takes a good many years before they are on a paying basis, so great is the cost of betterments until thoroughly established. More has been spent on the Albany plant during the past two or three years than can be gotten out in a great many years. If the city continues to grow, though, the plant will become a valuable one, and the investment will undoubtedly be a good one, else the men in it would not be placing their money so freely in betterments, at the same time many doubt if Albany is in a position for taking upon itself the risks necessary in an ownership that involves so much, that would mean an indebtedness of at least \$300,000, with that already involved.

A Philadelphia child has been christened Mozart, Beethoven, Liszt, Mendelssohn Lueck, and it will be just the father's luck to discover that there is music in the heir.

Speaking of Nursing Bottles.

According to Dr. Brounger, of Portland, there are a good many church members who deserve to be fed on milk right along for some time yet. He is probably right. No question about it, and there are some ministers also who need a nursing bottle, and need it badly, something that shall give them strength and wisdom sufficient to get into touch with mankind. Too many ministers are up on a pedestal and never get down among the people with their frailties, temptations and natural propensities to err. Not long sermons, but more fellowship, and uplifting manhood, nailed down with sermons full of gospel sense, and to the point, are as much the need of the day as nursing bottles.

A. e Worth Reading.

The Portland Journal is publishing in its Sunday edition a series of articles with illustrations, written by Prof. J. B. Horner, of the O. A. C. They are very readable and deserve the consideration of every lover of good literature and interested in the things of the world. Prof. Horner is a keen observer. He sees what goes on and tells it well. Some people do Europe and that is the end of it, while others use their observations and experiences for the edification and benefit of their fellow men. And that is what Prof Horner is doing.

Hearst's Campaign.

W. R. Hearst against the world for sensational methods. He is taking the whole of New York state by storm. No one can tell what the result will be, the general sentiment being that he will be defeated, but he is certainly doing things and may be elected. In his trip over the state he takes along a fine New York band, with good singers. Where he cannot go, particularly in the smaller towns, he has sent moving pictures of himself making speeches, with the speeches being delivered from a phonograph, which are reeled off to suit the occasion, to the edification of his audiences, who are given a regular vaudeville show as well as a campaign speech red hot and to the point for Hearst is a nail hitter whatever may be said of him.

This twentieth century is an eye-opener to the old-timers used to the methods of fifty years ago.

Tom Lawson, who is a Hughes man, says Hearst will be elected by an overwhelming majority, and Lawson is a good deal of an observer.

The manner in which Hearst has spit at the bosses and bossism has pleased the people.

Presidents After Retiring

It is said that President Roosevelt desires to be U. S. Senator from New York state upon retiring from the presidency. This certainly is a laudable ambition, and may possibly settle what should be done with presidents. As a rule they go fishing and settle down to private life. George Washington became a justice of the peace and Grover Cleveland bought a fresh fish pole and moved to a college town; but Mr. Roosevelt does not propose to make a clam of himself. He does entirely right to remain in public life if he can. Particularly as he is a young man. It is much better to go off and sulk and the DEMOCRAT will have no objection to seeing him in the Senate. He certainly cannot do any worse than some of the old moneybags who have disgraced it with their presence, and probably will do much better, and continue to be heard from.

Who Talks Too Much.

An exchange objects to Mr. Bryan having so many opinions, opinions on everything it says. Well, that is a good thing about Mr. Bryan. He is a good deal like President Roosevelt in that respect, only his opinions altogether are just a little better. When a public man is on the other side of the fence some of these journals object to his having any opinions at all, but it is all right for a man to have all the opinions he pleases and to express them all hours of the day and night just so it is in accord with the journal's policies. Well, Mr. Bryan does talk a good deal, but he says something, says it mightily well, flavors it with consistency and decorates it with good sense, as a rule rarely ever missing a cog. And why not.

Hit By Prosperity.

A Seattle church has a valuable piece of property, which cost very little, but which is now worth \$350,000. It has been decided to sell it, buy a lot farther back for about \$70,000 and with the difference erect an elegant church. This is an illustration of the manner in which property changes in value in a city that grows and amounts to something. Fortunes are made sometimes in a short space of time. One can hardly tell when one will get hit in this way with prosperity.

Origin of Oregon Apples.

The Oregon Bureau of Labor and Statistics has compiled the following facts concerning the early history of apples and other fruits in Oregon:

The first apple seeds were planted at Vancouver in 1825.

The cut-leaved or evergreen blackberry came from the Sandwich islands.

The Lewelling and Bing cherries were originated by Seth Luelling.

The Golden prune was originated in 1876 by Seth Luelling.

The Lambert cherry was originated by J. H. Lambert.

In the year 1848 Henderson Luelling brought yearling grafted apple, cherry, plum, prune, peach, grape and berry sprouts from Iowa, and hauled them across the plains.

The first nursery was started at Milwaukie in 1848 by Luelling & Meek.

In 1850 a Mr. Ladd started a nursery at Butteville. In the same year George Settlemyer started one at Green Point.

A nursery was started at Salem about 1850.

The first box of Yellow Newtown Pippins sold in Portland for \$75 per box, or \$1 per apple. They were grown by Henderson Luelling.

In 1853 Oregon apples sold in San Francisco at \$2.50 per pound.

In 1854, 500 bushels of Oregon apples were shipped and returned a net profit of \$1.50 to \$2 per pound.

In 1855, 6050 bushels were shipped, and returned \$20 to \$30 per bushel. The export of 1856 was 20,000 boxes.

In 1856 one box of Esopus Spitzenberg apples paid the shipper a net profit of \$60, and three boxes of Winesaps were sold in Portland for \$102.

From 1856 to 1869 the bi-monthly fall and winter shipments of apples to San Francisco, by steamer, averaged 4500 boxes.

In 1857 Henry Miller received scions of Italian (Fallenberg) prune and grafted them on bearing plum trees with success.

In 1858 Seth Luelling set the first prune orchard, five acres, near Milwaukie.

J. R. Cardwell claims the credit for having set out the first commercial prune orchard on the coast. He set out 6000 trees between the years 1871 and 1881.

Observing Parliamentary Rules.

Parliamentary rules are a good thing to observe, no matter how large or small the body presided over, at least during the deliberative part of any kind of a session. There is never anything in random remarks without anything before a house. No one ever yet saw any good from them. In fact without there is something properly before a body they do more harm than good besides being a nuisance in the deliberations of the body. The rule permitting a speaker to address the chair only twice is also a good one for observance, in fact all parliamentary rules should be respected and insisted upon.

Frenzied Thoughts.

Taft is on the lid, but the pot continues to boil.

Seems paradoxical that landing a force in Cuba, should be the first step toward peace.

How to keep a half-baked republic from spoiling, is the problem which confronts Secretary Taft.

Stensland will soon be under the Stars and Stripes—principally the Stripes.

Murdered in Iowa.

E. A. Neal the S. P. agent, today received a clipping telling of the death of his brother, a farmer residing near Bagley, Iowa. He was working during the forenoon in a cornfield. Not returning at dinner his wife went after him and found him lying on his back, dead. He had been shot in the back, and as he was not known to have an enemy it was a great mystery who had murdered him, a cowardly act. Detectives were secured and blood hounds set upon some tracks found, but no further clue was secured. He leaves a wife and six children.

From Wenatchee Valley.

Barney S. Martin, of Brownsville, was in the city today on his way home from Wenatchee, Wash., where he had been four months in the interest of the Capital Nursery Co., which has sold 80,000 trees around there the past season. The country is watered by irrigation, costing farmers \$100 an acre, and about \$30 a year for expenses. Land is worth \$500 an acre when on the irrigation ditch. The amount of fruit raised is enormous, particularly of peaches, apricots and apples. Not a drop of rain has fallen since last spring. Mr. Martin thinks it is a great country.

Got Him Out.

Salem Statesman: The forcible entry and detainer case of V. H. Caldwell against George Fenrick went by default in Justice of the Peace Daniel Webster's court yesterday, the defendant having failed to answer, and judgment was entered for the plaintiff for the recovery of the store room owned by him at 333 Commercial street and leased by him to the defendant.

Saturday Night Thoughts.

Through the east nothing has attracted more attention than the campaign in New York state between Hearst and Hughes. Perhaps in the history of American politics there has been nothing like that of Hearst. A man of vast wealth he is pouring it into the pockets of the people in his efforts to be elected. In that state the candidate has to file an itemized statement of his expenses. That of Mr. Hearst for special trains, bands etc. will be very interesting. A great many think Hearst will be defeated, but these are strange days, and people are strange beings and there is no telling what may happen. In fact the probability is that it will be a good happening for that state if Hearst is elected. He will do things at Albany which may upset some of the rottenness of the bosses for several years, and the people seem to appreciate the fact, so much so that so shrewd a man as Tom Lawson says Hearst will be elected.

The whole United States this week has been interested in a series of games of base ball at Chicago, more attention being paid to the games than was ever before given to base ball, the greatest and best of all games. The top teams of the two great leagues of the country being from the same city it added to the interest, and the score has been watched for from Atlantic to Pacific. Which club wins is not a matter of much concern to most people away from Chicago, but of course is with the friends of the two leagues through the east.

A Portland young man this week began a few year's residence in the state penitentiary, the length of time depending upon circumstances. He went there because he stole a few thousand dollars in order to have a big time. He had it, was found out, arrested, convicted and now another kind of fun, with stripes in it and cheap food, and bars and a hard cot and plain covers and no whispering even. What can a man be thinking of to jeopardize his life for a few months of fast time. Take any kind of meanness that offers what some people call pleasure for a while if of an illegitimate character it is only a question of time when the cat will jump from the bag and characters will go to smash. Just from a shrewd business standpoint a man should keep out of such things. The balance is on the wrong side.

This week a long contest for an important office was practically decided in favor of a Portland man as was anticipated by those who have watched the trend of events in Oregon. Mr. Fulton is undoubtedly under obligations to Portland, and this suggests that he had to make some kind of a payment, but then there were probably reasons for the appointment, at least reasons why some of these who were after the same position were not entitled to the place, and hence the action of Mr. Fulton. There are better things in this world than running for office for a serene condition of the mind, but the experience undoubtedly gives men an opportunity to learn a good many things about human character they otherwise would never learn.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

Deeds recorded: W. H. Hiatt to Geo R Miller, 4 lots Woodie's ad. \$1000
Geo R Miller to A. A. Hiatt, 4 lots above \$1050
G. W. Wright to John Fisher, 2 lots Mountain View ad to Albany. 200
S. E. Tritts to Frank Tritts, 27.55 acres 200
E. L. Hughes to J. K. Weatherford, interest in D L C George Hughes 1700

Release of mortgage for \$100.
Circuit court: Answer filed in suit of J. S. Hoyt agt S. P. Co brought to recover damages for loss of two horses, alleging negligence on part of plaintiff. W. D. Fenton and Weatherford & Wyatt attorneys.

Over 1300 hunters licenses issued.
6890 tax receipts issued.

Accident to Mrs. Gotlieb.

A postal received last evening from Pueblo, Colo., told of an accident to Mrs. L. Gotlieb, who was run over by a team, knocked down and one of her hips broken, and she was in a serious condition. Her many Albany friends hope for her recovery.

Uri Brown went to McMinnville yesterday to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the collegiate debating society.

H. F. Merrill left this morning for a couple days visit at the home of his mother in Portland.

Postmaster Farrer and wife of Salem, went to Seal Rock this afternoon on a few days visit at their cottage.

L. M. Curl returned last night from Grass Valley, where he had been called by the serious illness of his mother, who continues in a critical condition.

Miss Mae Jones, a former Albany and Jefferson young lady, is now singing with the Standard Opera Co. of Chicago, now on a tour through Illinois and the middle east.

MISFITS.

The Pyramid Builders have begun building.
Snow through the east. Wouldn't that chill one.
Albany is bound to be the horse center of the valley.

The Cuba knocked the Sox off the Americans yesterday.

A decided improvement in the appearance of fruit in the market.

An old fashioned vigilance committee is needed down in San Francisco.

Have you exercised your timber claim right yet, if not is there an itching for some experience that way.

Albany people have been very liberal in the endowment subscription. Let the synod do its duty as liberally as the conference has to Willamette.

Land frauds that make the Oregon frauds pinheads are being unearthed charged to the Union Pacific. Next.

There is saw mill talk in the air, but nothing definite and far from it. We live in hopes of something striking.

Which do you prefer, the snow storms in the east, or the gentle rain of the Willamette valley, not half an inch so far this month.

How much of a philanthropist is a man who robs the people to get the money he gives away, for instance Andrew C. and John D.

A son of Vice President Fairbanks has skipped out with his best girl. Not quite so much of an iceberg as his father.

Denver offered \$10,000 for the seventh Cub-Box game, and Spokane went \$5,000 better. What's the matter of Portland adding another five.

Millionaire Heinz has returned from Washington to tell the people of that rotten state how to act politically, not having enough sense to act without instructions.

Velguth has been set to mixing dough at the pen. He says he is going to do better. Perhaps he will become a decent kind of a husband if he confines his mixture of dough to his own dough.

A street evangelist at Bellingham, Wash., who should be sent to the nearest asylum, declares that the man who shaves his beard or cuts his hair cannot inherit the kingdom of heaven. He says our hair is hollow like tubes and through it the spirit of God is carried to us.

The President has decided not to push the suit against Standard, calling it cheap politics just before the election. Let the election take care of itself. Pitch into Standard, one time is as good as another. As a matter of fact, though, this is merely an excuse. There are other reasons behind it.

One prominent old farmer this morning winked to another prominent old farmer, pointed over his shoulder, and they went down a side street into a barn, back behind a stall, where farmer number one took out a flask of whiskey, which was duly sampled with a grin, as they contemplated the joke on a dry town perpetrated after so much trouble.

THE PORTLAND HOG

Makes Another Touchdown. Malcolm Scores.

The Oregonian announces today that Senator Fulton has stated that P. S. Malcolm, of Portland, will be the next collector of customs, and this practically settles it. The fight has been a hard one, but it is doubtful if any one stood a chance against Portland. Had Dr. Witcombe been elected nothing could have kept it from an Albany man.

Mr. Fulton thinks it will harmonize the party, which means that it needs harmony. It has been a game fight. The appointment may be expected any moment.

The Pyramid Builders

The first organization in the world of the Modern Pyramid Builders, was effected last night in the Modern Woodmen hall, of this city, the head office of the supreme Pyramid Builders, with a good membership. It will be pushed in other towns of the state and gradually the Pyramids will spread out over the entire country, if the purpose of the founders of the order are realized. Several features of the order are bound to take among insurance takers.

Only part of the officers were chosen last night, to-wit: Fred Fortmiller, chief builder. W. Lair Thompson, scribe. E. D. Cusick, custodian.

The others will be chosen at an adjourned meeting to be held on Tuesday evening, Oct. 29, until which time the charter will be held open.

In a Serious Condition.

Mr. G. W. Simpson will leave this evening for Portland with his son Victor, who has been in the hospital for several days, mention of which was made yesterday. It is feared blood poisoning has set in of such a serious nature as to endanger his life and it is desired that a recovery possible be done.

TELEGRAPHIC.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—Amazing revelations are expected when commissioner Prouty of the interstate commerce commission makes his report on the Union Pacific, in which he has unearthed a gigantic scheme in coal land frauds by the railroad for years. It has the benefits of the public domain defrauding the government and public out of millions of acres of lands.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 11.—Subway workmen today found an old slave prison far below the mansion of millionaire Stephen Girard while digging a tunnel in a new subway station. It was fitted with cells with iron bars. Girard was a heavy slave owner in early days.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 11.—Tom Johnson roamed the university of Chicago today in an interview on its professors. He said it taught lies, and was subservient to the wishes of Rockefeller.

SALEM, Oct. 11.—Because Oscar and Chas. Newton refused to testify to their ages they were sentenced to prison indeterminate for the burglary of Wm. Hilleary's residence. When arrested they said they were 13 and 16.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—Among the officers elected in the Masonic Veterans association today John T. Apperson of Oregon City was chosen grand standard bearer, and Thos. Geary of Portland corresponding secretary.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—Agitation against Japanese attending white schools has caused the board to issue an order to bar all Japanese, Chinese and Korean children attending. They must go to oriental schools.

OLYMPIA, Oct. 12.—The land commissioners are hearing testimony of rival claimants who desire to purchase the island on the Columbia river near the mouth from the state. Two claim by right of accretion.

NORTH YAKIMA, Oct. 12.—James Kelley fell from a freight today and was ground to pieces, while stealing a ride. It is alleged a brakeman pushed him under the wheels. It is being investigated.

TACOMA, Oct. 12.—Mrs. Bertha Knatt told Kittlsen, wife of a wealthy physician, who made a fortune in Alaska, who has gone on the stage, has been sued by the accusing husband of cruelty and intoxication.

CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—The fourth game of the National-American series was won by the Nationals this afternoon 1 to 0.

People Who Come and Go

- Jas M Wilson, Ashland.
- C K Pfeiffer, Portland.
- E Glass, Oregon City.
- P A Getz, Portland.
- J D Watts, "
- H A Brewer, "
- F E Dutcher, Ballard.
- W B Ham,
- Jas S Kirm, Alfalfa, Wash.
- Chas Blom, Portland.
- H B Knight, Pendleton.
- W G Smith, Klamath Falls.
- Wagner H Stuart, Portland.
- Rev R Tweed, Merimac.
- H H Brown, Marshfield.
- G W Turney, Woodburn.
- W A Bell, Salem.
- Ralph Feeeney, Portland.
- D B Kelley,
- Geo Finley, Crawfordsville.
- A J Jones, Portland.
- P S Mitchell, Ft Dodge.
- A F Smith, Portland.
- F C Graham,
- T H Allen, Portland.
- Robert Heyemann, S F.
- Capt C Dick, Portland.
- W O Cooper, Myrtle Point.
- H C Kinney, Grants Pass.
- Dr A G Prill, Scio.
- C I Everson, Springfield.
- John Outerson, Detroit.
- S C Johnson, Portland.
- Barney S Martin, Brownsville.
- Karl Girard, Creswell.
- H F Bodeker, Fox Valley.
- W B Ham, Ballard.
- Mrs F L Harmon, Newport.
- Mr L W Williams,
- A A Underhill, Salem.
- A E Morehouse, Elkhorn.
- S H Thacker, Gates.
- Rev C H Mattoon, Independence.
- G B McLeod, Mill City.

Harrisburg.

Bulletin: Miss Davis who has been engaged to teach a term of school in the Philpot district, came up from Albany Sunday, and began her school work Monday last.

Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Rexroad returned Monday from Corvallis, where they had been to attend the annual conference of the M. E. church, south. Rev. Rexroad was chosen by the conference to take charge of the church of this denomination at Roseburg, and he will leave today with his family for his new field of labor.

R. K. Burton, recently from North Dakota, has purchased through Anderson and Lust, real estate dealers, 247 acres of land, one and one-half miles north-east of this place, from J. W. Swank, representing the heirs of the late Nancy J. McMeekin. The deal was closed Oct. 1st, at Albany, and Mr. Burton has taken possession.

Rev. Wilson's Potatoes.

Eugene Register: Rev. T. J. Wilson, who says he has the honor of introducing the almost indispensable leguminous fodder plant known as vetch, is now working to introduce some really valuable varieties of potatoes for market. He brought to this office yesterday, a dozen specimens of a variety known as the Victor, that are simply no pus ultra. They are white, smooth and of even size just such as will command a good price in any market. Mr. Wilson has some other beauties on exhibition at Hollenbeck's real estate office.